

APPENDIX 16—MOUNTAIN PLOVER STIPULATIONS

To provide further protection and prevent listing of Mountain Plover as an endangered species, the following additional stipulations will apply to occupied habitat (occupied habitat is defined as areas in which broods and/or adults have been found in the current year or documented in at least 2 of the past 5 years):

- No surface occupancy in mountain plover concentration areas.
- Proposed and existing facilities will be moved ½ mile from identified concentration areas.
- Traffic speed and volume on roads traversing concentration areas at night will be reduced from April 10 to July 10.
- During the brood rearing period (i.e., June 1 to July 10), roads within ½ mile of concentration areas will have speed limits of 25 mph on resource roads and 35 mph on other local roads.
- Access roads will be realigned to avoid identified concentration areas.
- Vehicular traffic will be minimized from June 1 to July 10 on roads within ½ mile of concentration areas.
- Work activities will be avoided from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset from June 1 to July 10 in concentration areas.
- Either all power lines will be buried, or poles will include perch-inhibitors within ½ mile of identified concentration areas.
- All fences, storage tanks, and other elevated structures either will be constructed as low as possible and/or will incorporate perch-inhibitors into their design.
- Road-killed animals will be promptly removed from areas within ½ mile of identified concentration areas (federal and state laws would apply).
- Revegetation will consist of seed mixes and application rates designed to produce sparse, low-growing vegetation suitable for plover nesting.
- No reclamation activities or other ground-disturbing activities will be allowed from April 10 to July 10 unless surveys consistent with Plover Guidelines or other United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) approved methods find that no plovers are nesting in the area.
- Plugged and abandoned wells within ½ mile of the identified concentration areas will be identified by a 4-foot tall marker with a perch inhibitor on top of the marker.